

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line , page of the specification as follows:

A hydrocarbon containing feed stream 1 is divided into a feed stream 3 for the ATR and a feed stream 2 for the adiabatic reformers ~~[[8]]~~ 10, 14. Optionally, stream 3 can be pre-reformed and/or further heated (not shown in FIG. 1). The pre-reforming is in this case carried out by an adiabatic prereformer as described in the art (e.g. Christensen, Appl. Cat. A 138, page 285, 1996).

Please add the following heading above line 21, on page 4 of the specification:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following headings and intermediate paragraphs above line 11, on page 6 of the specification:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic diagram of the process for the production of synthesis gas by catalytic steam reforming according to one embodiment of the present invention, wherein the steam reformers are adiabatic steam reformers.

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of the process for the production of synthesis gas by catalytic steam reforming according to another embodiment of the present invention, wherein the steam reformers are heat exchange steam reformers.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS